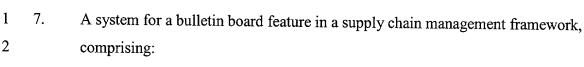
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## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain management framework,
2		comprising:
3	a)	collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
4	b)	displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and
5	c)	generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the network-based
6		interface for ordering goods from selected distributors of the supply chain,
7		wherein the network-based interface includes a bulletin board displaying
8		information received from each of the stores, the information relating to the
9		distributors for facilitating the selection of the distributors.
1	2.	The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a timeliness of
2		deliveries made by the distributors.
1	3.	The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a quality of the goods
2		delivered by the distributors.
1	4.	The method of claims 1 and arrived at 1 and 1 an
	4.	The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a price of the goods
2		delivered by the distributors.
1	5.	The method of claim 1, wherein a store from which the information is received is
2		identified.
1	6.	The method of claim 5, wherein the store from which the information is received

is identified utilizing an electronic mail address for communication purposes.



- a) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
- b) logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and
- 6 c) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the
- 7 network-based interface for ordering goods from selected distributors of the
- 8 supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a bulletin board
- 9 displaying information received from each of the stores, the information relating
- to the distributors for facilitating the selection of the distributors.
  - 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a timeliness of deliveries made by the distributors.
- 1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a quality of the goods delivered by the distributors.
- 1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a price of the goods delivered by the distributors.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein a store from which the information is received is identified.
- 1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the store from which the information is received is identified utilizing an electronic mail address for communication purposes.
- 1 13. A computer program product for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain management framework, comprising:
- 3 a) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
- 4 utilizing a network;

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communication purposes.

